## PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD'S DECISION

APPELLANT: Joseph Reinmann
DOCKET NO.: 05-23999.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 05-17-300-018-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Joseph Reinmann, the appellant, by attorney Julie Realmuto of McCarthy & Duffy, Chicago, Illinois; and the Cook County Board of Review.

The subject property is an 74-year old, two-story style dwelling of frame and masonry construction containing 2,582 square feet of living area with a full finished basement.

The appellant's appeal is based on unequal treatment in the assessment process. The appellant submitted four comparable properties described as two-story stucco, frame, masonry, or frame and masonry dwellings that are between 63 and 104 years old for consideration. The comparables contain from 2,568 to 2,915 square feet of living area and have improvement assessments ranging from \$20.00 to \$20.59 per square foot. The subject's improvement assessment is \$45.78 per square foot. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's improvement assessment.

The board of review did not submit its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" or any evidence in support of its assessed valuation of the subject property.

After reviewing the record and considering the evidence, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this appeal. The Board further finds the evidence in the record supports a reduction in the subject's assessment.

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Based on the facts and exhibits presented, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds  $\underline{a\ reduction}$  in the assessment of the property as established by the  $\underline{Cook}$  County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$ 16,102 IMPR.: \$ 53,163 TOTAL: \$ 69,265

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

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The appellant's argument was unequal treatment in the assessment process. The Illinois Supreme Court has held that taxpayers who object to an assessment on the basis of lack of uniformity bear the burden of proving the disparity of assessment valuations by clear and convincing evidence. Kankakee County Board of Review v. Property Tax Appeal Board, 131 Ill.2d 1 (1989). The evidence must demonstrate a consistent pattern of assessment inequities within the assessment jurisdiction. After an analysis of the assessment data, the Board finds the appellant has overcome this burden.

The appellant presented assessment data on four equity comparables that were generally similar to the subject in design, age, size and basement area. They had improvement assessments ranging from \$51,643 to \$59,048 or \$20.00 to \$20.59 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$45.78 per square foot is above the range established by the comparables contained in this record.

The board of review did not submit any evidence in support of its assessment of the subject property or to refute the appellant's argument as required by Section 1910.40(a) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board.

After considering adjustments and the differences in the suggested comparables when compared to the subject property, the Board finds the subject's per square foot improvement assessment is not supported by the most comparable properties contained in the record and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

Member

This is a final administrative decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board which is subject to review in the Circuit Court or Appellate Court under the provisions of the Administrative Review Law  $(735 \, \text{LCS} \, 5/3-101 \, \text{et seq.})$  and section 16-195 of the Property Tax Code.

Chairman

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DISSENTING: \_\_\_\_\_

## CERTIFICATION

As Clerk of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board and the keeper of the Records thereof, I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and complete Final Administrative Decision of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board issued this date in the above entitled appeal, now of record in this said office.

Date: April 25, 2008

Clerk of the Property Tax Appeal Board

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code provides in part:

"If the Property Tax Appeal Board renders a decision lowering the assessment of a particular parcel after the deadline for filing complaints with the Board of Review or after adjournment of the session of the Board of Review at which assessments for the subsequent year are being considered, the taxpayer may, within 30 days after the date of written notice of the Property Tax Appeal Board's decision, appeal the assessment for the subsequent year directly to the Property Tax Appeal Board."

In order to comply with the above provision, YOU MUST FILE A  $\underline{\text{PETITION}}$  AND  $\underline{\text{EVIDENCE}}$  WITH THE PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE ENCLOSED DECISION IN ORDER TO APPEAL THE ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPERTY FOR THE SUBSEQUENT YEAR.

Based upon the issuance of a lowered assessment by the Property Tax Appeal Board, the refund of paid property taxes is the responsibility of your County Treasurer. Please contact that office with any questions you may have regarding the refund of paid property taxes.